

A Study of The Epistle of 1st Peter

Theme: “A LIVING HOPE!”

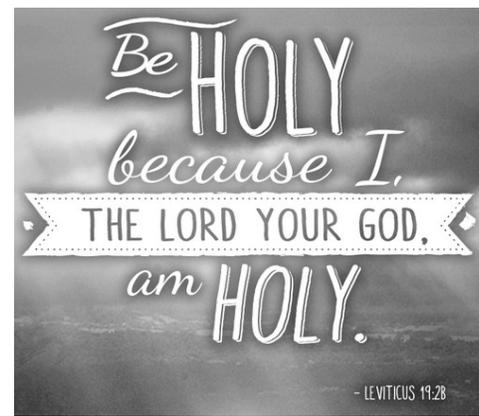
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BIBLE TEXT:

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(17) And if you call on him as **Father who judges impartially** according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, (18) knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, (19) but with **the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot**.

(20) **He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake**, (21) who through him are believers in **God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory**, so that your faith and hope are in **God**.

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*But as He who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct, since it is written:
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“Here St. Peter cites a verse from the Old Testament, from Lev. 19:2, where **God says: “You shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy.”** That is, because I am your Lord and God, and you are My people, you must be like Me. For a true lord brings it about that his people are like him, walk in obedience, and are guided by his will. Now just as **God our Lord, is holy**, so His people are also holy. Therefore we are all holy if we walk in faith. Scripture does not say much about the deceased saints; it speaks about those who are living on earth. Thus the prophet David glories in Ps. 86:2: “Preserve my life, for I am godly.”

But here our men of learning have misinterpreted the verse again.²³ They say that the prophet called himself holy because he had a special revelation. In this way they themselves admit that they lack faith and do not have the revelation of Christ. Otherwise they would surely feel this. For he who is a Christian feels such a revelation in himself. But those who do not feel this are not Christians. For he who is a Christian enters with the Lord Christ into a sharing of all His goods. Now since Christ is holy, he, too, must be holy, or he must deny that **Christ is holy. If you have been baptized, you have put on the holy garment, which is Christ**, as Paul says (Gal. 3:27).

The little word “holy” designates that which is **God's own** and is due to Him alone. In German we use the word *geweiht*. Thus Peter says: You have now given yourselves to God as His own. Therefore see to it that you do not let yourselves be led again into the worldly lusts. But let God alone reign, live, and work in you. **Then you are holy, just as He is holy.**

So far the apostle has described the grace that is offered to us **through the Gospel and the preaching about Jesus Christ**, and he has taught us what our attitude toward this should be, namely, that we should hold to a pure and unchanged meaning of faith, in such a way that we know that no work we are able to do or devise can be of any help to us. Now when this is preached, reason comes along and says: “Ah, if this is true, then I need not do a single good work!” Thus stupid minds seize upon this and change Christian life into carnal

liberty. They think they should do what they please. St. Peter confronts these people here, anticipates them, and teaches them that Christian liberty must be exercised solely over against God. For here nothing else is necessary than faith, **that I give God His due honor and regard Him as my God**, who is just, truthful, and merciful. Such faith liberates us from sin and all evil.

Now when I have given God this honor, then whatever life I live, I live for my neighbor, to serve and help him. The greatest work that comes from faith is this, that **I confess Christ with my mouth and, if it has to be, bear testimony with my blood and risk my life**. Yet God does not need the work; but I should do it to prove and confess my faith, in order that others, too, may be brought to faith. Then other works will follow. They must all tend to serve my neighbor. All this God must bring about in us. Therefore we should not make up our minds to begin to lead a carnal life and to do what we please.”

STUDY NOTES:

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(Lev 11:44,45; 19:2; 20:7; Ps 71:22; Is 35:8; Hab 1:13;
Mt 6:9; Ac 24:25; Rom 8:15; 12:2; 1 Cor 1:7; Eph 4:18; 1 Th 4:7; Heb 3:6; 1 Jn 3:3)

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(Ex 13:13; 21:30; Prov 1:7; 8:13; 16:6; Mt 20:28; Mk 10:45; Jn 1:29;
Rom 1:21; 2:11; 3:24; 10:13;
1 Cor 5:7; Gal 3:13; Eph 1:7; 4:17; Col 1:14; Titus 2:14; Heb 6:1; 9:14, 15; Jas 2:1; Rev 5:9)

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(Mt 25:34; Jn 7:39; 12:44; Ac 2:17,24; 3:13-15; Rom 4:24; 16:25,26; Eph 1:4; Php 2:7-9;
1 Tim 4:1; 2 Tim 3:1; Heb 1:1,2; 2:9; 3:6; 9:26; 1 Jn 2:18; Rev 13:8)

LIFE APPLICATION:

Since our holiness comes from being clothed with the holiness of Jesus Christ, how does this then exhibit itself in our lives:

-preparing your minds for action

-being sober-minded

-set your hope fully on the grace of Christ

-be obedient children

-be holy in all your conduct